RACE IN THE AIR FOR BENNETT CUP

Sixteen Balloons From Seven Countries Enter Contest From Tuileries Garden.

Eyes of Million People Watch the Airship Start on Test of Endurance-Santos-Dumont Presents the Only Novelty.

CONTESTANTS AND THEIR BAL-

LOONS. Lieutenant Frank P. Lahm, United

France-Count de la Vaulx, Walhalla.

France-Count de St. Victor, Fochn. France-Jacques Balsan, City of Cha-Germany-Captain Abercron, Dussel-

Germany-Herr Scherl, Schwaben. Germany-Baron von Hevald, Pot-

Great Britain-Hon. C. S. Rolls, Great Britain-Professor Huntington,

Zephyr. Spain-Lieutenant Herrera, Ayayay. Spain-Senor Salamanca, Norte. Spain-Captain Kindelan, Montanar Belgium-M. Van den Briesche,

Italy-Signor von Weiller, Elfe.

PARIS, Sept. 30.-Sixteen balloons averaging over 2000 cubic metres capacity each, and representing seven countries, sailed away from the Tuileries Gardens, in the heart of Paris, this afternoon in the first competition for the Gordon Ben-

the first competition for the Gordon Ben-nett cup for international aeronauts.

The contest was primarily a long-dist-nace race. The date had been carefully selected when the prevailing winds are from the west, in the hope of giving the aeronauts an opportunity to break the record of Count de la Vaulx, made in 1900, when his balloon landed in Korosty-cheff, Russia, having covered a distance of 1185 miles in 35 hours and 40 minutes. But today the wind was light, hardly But today the wind was light, hardly more than eight miles an hour and from the east, thus making the shores of the Atlantic the limit of distance and robbing the occasion of its chance as a test of long-distance aerial traveling.

Million People Gaze Skyward.

On this account the race was a keen come from every corner of Europe. The rules of the contest, however, provided that in case of unfavorable atmospheric conditions the judges could, at their option, make the test one of endurance to remain in the air. Nevertheless, as a spectacls the event was a brilliant suc-cess. It is calculated that over a 1,000,000 people watched the balloons as they sailed away. A quarter of a millon had gathered inside the gardens, while the Place de la Concord, the bridges over the Seine, the

foreign diplomats here and the French Ministers of War and Marine. The for-eign military attaches are especially interested in the event, it being regarded as great test of aeronautics and much fore than a mere sporting contest. The start was preceded by the flight of hundreds of trial balloonettes and the loosing of 500 homing pigeons.

Novelty by Santos-Dumont.

Each contestant is an experienced aerial pilot, but, contrary to expectations, Santos-Dumont, one of the two repre-sentatives of the Aero Club of America, proved to be the only one to inaugurate a novelty. For the purpose of keeping affoat as long as possible he had equipped his car with a six-horsepower verticle propeller, with the object of lifting and lowering his balloon without discharging any of its precious ballast. The enthusi-astic cheers of the multitude which greeted the ascent of Santos-Dumont showed that he was a favorite and quite as popular as his French rivals, Major Herzy, the companion to Walter

ine sixth United States Cavalry, the other American competitor.

Each balloon carried a sealed recording

barometer to work for 24 hours and a number of envelopes to be thrown out every two hours, in order to mark the individual trail. Food for three days was also on hoard each car.

Moon Will Aid the Pilots.

Not the slightest accident marred the start. Each enormous balloon in turn soured sloft amid the plaudits of the crowd and sailed gracefully away to the westward. The full moon tonight will be of great advantage to the pilots. In ad-dition to the cup which goes to the club of the winner and which is to be competed for annually, there is a cash prize of \$2000 to the winner, \$268 to the second and \$133 to the third. There are in addition several other prizes, including the Contessa Campello's cup for the best voyage, the English team prizes for me cological observation, the gold medal endurance, the Gaulois distance cup and the Santos-Dumont prize for greatest distance in 48 hours.

TROOPS ARE TO LAND

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acting secretaries and chiefs of bureaus were at their desks and every office was humming with activity. Scores of clerks who have not worked on Sundays since the Spanish-American War were on duty at the War and Navy Departments and at the headquarters of the marine corps. General Ainsworth, Military Secretary,

and General Bell, Chief of Staff of the Army, worked throughout the day concluding arrangements for the departure of the first expeditionary force to Cuba. Orders for the movement of the troops were sent out last night, but today scores of orders were sent to officers who are on leave to join their regiments.

Transports Have Been Engaged.

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General Humphrey, Quartermaster-General, practically closed arrangements today for transports which are to convey the expedition to Cuba. The ships will be ready for departure before the troops have been mobilized at Newport News. If it should be necessary to send

a second expeditionary force to Cuba immediately following the first, the War Department apprehends some difficulty on account of the quarantine laws of the various Southern States.

A transport returning to any Southern State from Cuba will have to remain in quarantine five days before it can take on a cargo of troops for Cuba. The War Department has taken up this matter with the authorities of the Southern States in the hope of arranging for a waiver of the five-days' quarantine reg-

Secretary Taft, as the head of the President's special mission to Cuba, has available 5000 marines and bluejackets who could be landed on Cuban soil in a few hours in case of emergency. More marines are on the way to Cuba and will WIND IS FROM THE EAST be available for emergency service in two or three days.

Sumner Takes First Troops.

It will be a full week before the forces of the Army can be landed in Cuba. The first detail of troops will leave New York Wednesday aboard the Army transport Sumner. They will arrive at Havana Saturday next. It probably will be several days later before other troops of the first expeditionary force of the Army will be able to reach Cuba. Where they will be landed is yet undetermined. It is likely they will go to Havana, but their precise destination will not be determined until practically the hour of the sailing of the transports. No time is being lost in hurrying troops

the point of mobilization-Newport News, Va. The order of President Roose velt, received at 19:55 o'clock last night at the War Department, was imperative. The text was as follows:

"Arrange for 8000 troops to start for Cuba as soon as possible."

Orders Are Quickly Sent Out.

This telegram was received in answer to one sent to the President yesterday morning by the War Department officials, following the message from Secretary Taft. Immediately upon the recelpt of the President's orders, telegrams were sent to the troops selected for Cuban service to move at once. By midnight last night all orders to troops had been despatched, and a dispatch received today by the Military Secretary, General Ainsworth, indicates that the orders are being carried into effect.

Nine hundred men will sail from New York next Wednesday on the Army transport Sumner. One light battery from Fort Sheridan, at Chicago, will embark from Port Tampa for Havana as soon as arrangements can be completed for themovement. The remainder of the first expeditionary force, which will number about 5600 men, will sail for Cuba from Newport News, Va.

The troops to go to Cuba are battallons of infantry from Plattsburg, N. Y., Barracks. Accompanying them will be some officers and men of the Medical Corps and Hospital Corps and Signal Corps.

Loading Supplies on Sumner.

The Sumner is londing at New York. She will carry commissary supplies for the first expedition for 30 days, in addition o the necessary supplies for her crew and the men she will carry on the way to Cuba. The New York depot of the Commissary Department was open all last night and all day today, and every effort is being made to facilitate the departure of the Sumner. It is likely that the troops to sail on the Sumner will be concentrated

Commissary-General Sharp will not cease his work on the departure of the first expeditionary force to Cuba. As soon as the troops are landed, which will be as the troops are landed within ten days, another miles around was black with people.

The terraces in the garden had been reserved for invited guests. They were commissary stores for 3 sent to Cuba by a merch coupled by prominent aeronauts of Europe, as well as many distinguished within ten days, another full supply of commissary stores for 30 days will be sent to Cuba by a merchant liner. One week later a third supply for 30 days will The object of sending the supplies so rapidly is to ge them into the depots at Havana and have

them handled without confusion. Major Henry E. Wilkins, now assistant to Lieutenant-Colonels A. D. Kniskern, the purchasing commissary at Chicago, has been ordered to Cuba as the chief commissary of the expedition. He already bas started from Chicago for Havana. Captain Henry G. Cole, of the Commis sary-General's office here, has started for Cuba with a force of clerks. They will sail from Tamps, Fig., tomorrow night for Havana,

Commissary Well Cared For.

Captain Francis J. Koester, commissary at the Washington Barracks, will leave tomorrow for Newport News to superintend the loading of the supplies on the transports which are to sail from that port and to provide for the subsistence of the troops at Newport News before their embarkation.

Captain Leo F. Porter, of the Commis sary-General's office, will be the assist-Wellman in the Wellman-Chicago Record-Heraft North Pole expedition, acted as as-sistant to Frank P. Lahm, Lieutenant in He probably will sail for Cuba on the transport Sumner next Wednesday,

A dispatch was received at the War Department today from Brigadier-General Theodore J. Wint, commanding the De partment of the Missouri, that he would arrive here Tuesday. He will be in command of the troops at Newport News as they mobilize there, and will direct their embarkation for Cuba. Two companies of Coast Artillery will be ordered to Newport News to act as provost guard.

SUMNER LOADED ALL NIGHT

Orders Have Been Given Transport to Sail Tonight,

NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—The equipping with supplies of the transport Sumner, which late tomorrow will embark the first expeditionary force for Cuba, continued uninterruptedly tonight. Orders have been received at Governor's Island for the Sumner to sail at 6 o'clock tomorrow night and late tonight these orders had not been untermanded and it was expected the transport would be ready to sail at the hour specified.

The Sumner will carry 900 American troops, comprising two battalions of the Fifth Infantry stationed at the Plattsburg, N. Y., barracks, and a battalion of engineers from Washington, D. C. The Sumner will sail from Gov-ernor's Island and probably reach Ha-vana on or before Saturday.

DES MOINES GOES TO SANTIAGO

Cruiser Has Marines That Can Be Landed to Keep Order.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30. — Announcement was made at the Navy Department today that the cruiser Des Moines, which a few days ago was ordered from Havana to Cienfuegos, Cuba, to reinforce the Marietta and Cleveland, had been the Marietta and Cleveland, had been ordered to Santiago, Cuba, and already had sailed. The order for the movement of the Des Moines was given by Secretary Taft and naval officials here do not know the precise significance of it. It is believed, however, to be a precautionary measure and not because of any disturbance at Santiago.

The Des Moines has a considerable DIFFERENT STORE"

OLDS, WORTMAN & KING STORE NEWS

Fifth, Sixth and Washington Sts.

Every Word in This Printed Announcement Must Be Backed Up by the Goods in the Store-Olds, Wortman & King

Supplementary Bulletin to Sunday's Full Page

Story of Today's Features Planned for the "Different Store's" Visitors

NOSE AROUND

This Is Merely a "Different" Way of saving "WELCOME!" Come and saunter thru. See the new merchandise in all its pristine beauty; admire the beauty of the new styles-for you can't help but admire, their charm appeals so strongly. Allow our salesfolk to become "guides" and make your trip 'round the store a tour of sightseeing. Rubber! Peep! Stare! The harder and longer you look at things the better pleased "our folks" will be-for we'll feel we've got you interested in the new "wrinkles." So-whether or no you've shopping to do today-just put us on your visiting list, come down to the store, and-"NOSE 'ROUND."

Carpets and Rugs



We are showing a most excellent line of Carpets and Rugs for fall buying. Our stock embraces the latest patterns in foreign and domestic manufacture, including rare specimens of Oriental make. The season for autumn selection is at hand and we can show you just what you want. We're that positive of the fact we'd like to have you MAKE US PROVE IT! See prices in another column.

For Full List of Today's Extra Special Bargains and Newest Arrivals SEE SUNDAY'S PAPERS

AN ART SHOP ATTRACTION!

59c Buys \$1.25 Cushion Tops

Pretty Cushion Tops that are so much in demand now that the gift-giving season draws near; they have plain backs in white "huck-a-buck" and linen, all stamped in handsome designs of English eyelet, hedibo and filet embroidery; regular \$1.00 and \$1.25 values; special

NEW ARRIVALS OF USEFUL AND DECORATIVE THINGS THAT ALL HOMEFOLKS LOVE TO HAVE IN PLENTY

Find some on third floor; the others on the fourth: with three great, swift, safe and spacious passenger elevators running to all. Every year brings forth great improvement in all that pertains to home-fittings and house-furnishings. We're always on the lookout; always get the newest, prettiest and smartest that foremost producers conceive. Everything not up to the "O. W. & K." standard is rejected. Let our shop "guides" show you thru the lines of house fittings today. Among the hosts of attractions that'll tempt your eye will be noted these we print.

Fall Showing of Dazzling

Sparkling Cut Glass



The "Crystal Grotto" is ablaze with bright and shining Cut Glass - "Lib-bey's."

The display is superb this season and we are very proud of it. The name "Libbey" etched on every piece is guarantee of per-

There are hundreds of beautiful pieces from which to make your selection, and we very cordially invite you to visit this wonderful "grotto," We are Portland's sole agents for Libbey's Cut Glass-

The Best. Third Floor. NEW ARRIVALS of Mantel Clocks, Wall Clocks, Office Clocks, Gold and Alarm Clocks. Special designs in fancy Clocks.

Gas and Electric Lamps in handsome new designs and Welsbach, Block and Imperial Burners for gas lamps. Handsome display of new lines in Marble Busts and

A visit to our Art Rooms is well worth while and will please and interest you.

All the New 1906 Fall Styles .

Handsome Draperies

'A very select showing of Drapery Materials, in fancy colored floral and stained glass effects; also figured eream color and white. Prices, the yard 45¢, 75¢ to\$2.25 Pretty Drapery Cretonnes, Silks, in plain, Oriental, figured and floral designs, grass stripes, etc. the yard

85¢ to\$2.50 Heavy Tapestry Portieres, Oriental designs, at, pai Plain colors, fringed and corded at, .\$2.75, \$3.50 to \$6.00

.....\$4.00, \$5.50, \$7.00, \$8.00 to \$13.50 Very heavy rich colored Velours at, pair. \$40 to \$50 NEW CARPET LINE READY-Note the Prices. Bigelow Axminster at, yard.......\$1.98
Fine rich Wiltons at, yard........\$1.71 Fine rich Wiltons at, yard Best Body Brussels at, yard..... Under-Apparel and Boudoir Garb for Women and Children Today at Special Prices-Annex, Second Floor.

A big and diversified collection of all manner of garments which by the very force of their high character in fabric, design and elaboration establish themselves far above the commonplace. Among a host of special atstractions on this floor today the following appeal strongly to the thrifty shopper:

WOMEN'S WHITE PETTICOATS FOR LESS.

Ladies' White Petticoats of fine lawn nainsook or English nainsook, trimmed in valenciennes, torchon and cluny lace or fine Swiss and Hamburg embroidery, from the neat and dainty to the most elaborate atONE-THIRD OFF Regular prices from......\$6.50 to \$27.50 Special prices from\$4.33 to \$18.33

WOMEN'S SHAWLS AND FASCINATORS IN THE SALE.

Women's Wool Shawls and Fascinators, different kind of stitching, colors red and black; regular price 45c

CHILDREN'S BONNETS AT A SPECIAL PRICE. Children's Full Front Bonnets, of Bengaline silk, trimmed

in large silk bow, shirred silk around face and silk lined, colors red, navy and white; regular price \$2.75; special at\$2.19

WOMEN'S WARM WINTER GOWNS AT REDUCTION Women's Flannelette Gowns, in dainty colorings or white, made in a variety of styles; regular prices \$1.25; special at98¢

be utilized as landing parties to pro-tect property or life. To take the place of the Des Moines at Clenfuegos the Ta-coma sailed today from Havania. The Prairie sailed today from Boston and the battleship Texas from Norfolk.

The former carries 169 bluejackets and 180 marines, and the latter 226 bluejackets and 200 marines. They are expected to reach Havana on Thursday at the

The cruiser Brooklyn with a large num ber of marines will sail from League Is land, Philadelphia, next Tuesday morn

GREAT SATISFACTION AT ROME TO CONFER ON WIRELESS

Confidence Expressed That Intervention Will Bring Peace. ROME, Sept. 30 .- Officials of the For-

eigu Office expressed their satisfac-tion on learning of the proclamation of a provisional government for Cuba, and hoped that it would mean the re-establishment of peace and order in the sland. Entire confidence is expressed government circles and by the press that the United States will find a defi-nite solution of the troubled condi-Official telegrams announcing Secre-

ary Taft's assumption of the Go orship were communicated to King Vic tor Emmanuel at the castle at Racco-nigl. Pope Pius was most interested in the situation, and ordered that Mgr Aversa, the apostolic delegate, sh delay his departure for Cuba pending further instructions.

FRANCE IS NOT SURPRISED.

All She Wants Is an Open Door for Her Goods in Cuba

PARIS, Sept. 30.—The news of the establishment by the United States of a provisional government in Cuba created no surprise in official circles here, where the refusal of the warring factions to permit War Secretary Taft and Assistant Secretary of State Bacon to mediate was considered to make this step inevitable.

The action of the United States is

regarded as subserving the interests of all foreign countries. France's only stake is to safeguard her commercial interests, and so long as the question of the open door is not raised by some development she is not likely to take any action in the matter.

TROOPS FROM FORT SHERIDAN

Two Special Trains Will Convey Infantry and Field Battery.

CHICAGO, Sept. 30.-Brigadler-General W. H. Cater commander of the Department of the Lakes, received orders from Washington today directing two battallons of the Twenty-seventh Infantry and the Fourteenth United States Field Battery, at Fort Sheridan, to proceed im-mediately to Newport News, where they will embark for Cuba. Colonel W. L. Pitcher, in command of

Fort Sheridan, ordered two special trains of 12 cars each for Tuesday morning, and it is expected the troops will leave for Newport News the same evening. Ice melts at 32 degrees, wax at 149 degrees, lead at 625 degrees and platinum at 3,632 de-

Delegates of 31 Governments

Will Meet at Berlin.

Agreement Will Be Reached for an Exchange of Messages Between

Various Systems Now in Op-

eration in the World. BERLIN, Sept. 20.-Delegates represent-

BERLIN, Sept. 30.—Delegates represent-ing 31 governments will assemble here October 3, by invitation of the German government, with the object of reaching a common agreement for the exchange of messages by the use of various wireless delegraph systems, and to define the basis on which private wireless telegraph companies may operate with the consent of the governments.

The conference is a result of the Mar-

coni Company having refused to allow its stations to do business with persons using other than Marconi apparatus. This con-troversy began soon after the Marconi Company, in 1901, set up stations for pub-lic telegraph purposes. The refusal of these stations to take messages sent in ments took part, as follows: The United States, Germany, France, Great Britain, Italy, Spain, Russia and Austro-Hungary. The delegates of six governments agreed in the final protocol to a series of recom-mendations looking toward the co-operation of all users of wireless. The dele-gates of Great Britain and Italy, because their governments had contracts with the oni Company, did not sign the recommendations. Little has come of these recommendations. The Marconi Company has continued to set up stations and to refuse the messages of fival systems. The most important act in the contro-versy in the conference was that of the versy in the conference was that of United States in 1904 directing the Mar-coni Company to remove its apparatus from the lightship Nantucket.

Germany will propose to the conference that an international bureau shall be es-tablished for the control of wireless telegraphing; that each wireless station must be connected with the ordinary telegraphs by special lines; that the conditions under which wireless stations shall work with companies that do not subscribe to the conclusions of the conference shall be laid down by the conference: that govrnments which do not adhere to the convention may do so later; and that when controversies shall arise over the interpretation or application of the convention they shall be submitted to arbitration.

Application of Algeciras Decisions. TANGIER, Sept. 30 .- The Sultan has of-

War, to discuss with the Ministers of the application of the decisions of the Algeciras conference.

ABBREVIATION NOT REFORM

(Continued From Page L) aiready calls 'Mile End Road,' and will oon call with native perfection of accent

"Even on the stage young actors are

'Mawl Enn Rowd.' Young Actors' Speech Perverted.

ebuked for speaking as ladies and gen lemen used to speak, and are deliberately taught not even parvenu English, which s bad enough in all conscience, but pos itively Hoxton English. beauty of speech by which Forbes Rob ertson makes 'Hamlet' still fascinating in spite of its intellectual obsolescence. will soon be mimicked (let us hope suc cessfully) as an eccentric dialect, and Mr Blank (the name of the excellent actor escapes me for the moment) will perhaps die prematurely, worn out by efforts t conceal his natural propensity to speak like a gentleman and acquire the commo language of the barrow and the motor car in all its abhorrent smartness.

"I insist on this aspect of the case be ause, while we seem incapable of grasp ing the enormous advantage of makins English the universal language both for writing and speech or of understanding how our spelling obstructs that consummation, most English men and women would almost rather die than be convictby the Slaby-Arco (German) apparatus by the Slaby-Arco (German) apparatus brought about the international wireless telegraph conference, also by the invitation of Germany, in 1993. Eight governments took part, as follows: The United Sheer carelessness. Sooner than drop an about the continuous control of the continuous control of the continuous control of the contr half the continent of North America from sheer carelessness. Sooner than drop an 'h' they would steep Europe in blood. therefore, hits them purposely in their vulnerable point.

> Pitman Style Will Never Be Popular. "For this very reason, however, the reform cannot be effected by shortened spelling, which is indistinguishable from ordinary wrong spelling. If any man writes me a letter in which 'through' is writes me a letter in which 'through' is spelled 'thru' and 'above' 'abuv,' I shall I never say the Bible is the word of God. at once put him down as illiterate and in I say the Bible and the word of God. To consequence plebelan, no matter what consequence plebelan, no matter what board or what potentate sanctions his orthography. Really phonetic spelling is quite unmistakable in this way. No lady or gentleman will ever be persuaded to spell like the late Sir Isaac Pitman, who spell like the late Sir Isaac Pitman, who was a very energetic bookseller and a very bad phonetician, but anybody might spell like Henry Sweet without compromising himself-indeed, with positive affirmation of having been at Oxford. A practically correct phonetic spelling justifies itself at once to the eye as being the

"I, therefore, respectfully advise the President and the board to take the bull by the horns without wasting further discovery of their operations, is untrue,

suggest nothing but blunders.

spelling of an educated man, whereas

shortenings and so-called simplifications

ficially charged Mohammed El Torres, his Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mohammed Sidi El Mokhiri, Moroccan delegate to the Algeciras conference on Moroccan reforms, and El Menebhik, ex-Minister of the same and enlarge the alphabet until our consonants and vowels are for all practical purposes separately represented and defined. By rhyming with words in daily use we shall then get a word notation use we shall then get a word notation which may be strange at first-which does not matter-but which will be neither ludicrous nor apparently ignorant - which

does matter very much, indeed. "One other point is of importance. The new letters must be designed by an artist with a fully developed sense of beauty in writing and printing. There must be no diacritical signs to spoil the appearance of the pages of new type. It is a mistake to suppose that the Bible teaches us the sacredness of pseudo-etymological spelling, but it does teach us the comeliness of a page on which there are no apostrophes and no inverted commas." new letters must be designed by an artist

BIBLE NOT WORD OF GOD

BISHOP WILLIAMS SAYS BOOK NEEDS NO DEFENSE.

Young Men Just Out of College Are Often Misled by Impossibilities of Genesis.

DETROIT, Sept. 30 .- Bishop Charles D. Williams, of the Episcopal diocese of Michigan, in an address to Y. M. C. A nembers here today on "The Bible and the Word of God." declared that the Bi ble was not the word of God and that the teachings to the contrary are the most prolific sources of unbellef the church has

to contend with. The Bishop said:
"Nowhere does the Bible declare itself
the word of God. Yet we are told we must take it in its entirety. It is a ven erable book and visitors are requested not to touch it, as it is the direct word

of God, there is no other.

"Take the young man just out of college. He rends Genesis and finds impossible geology, astronomy and ethnology His teacher, when questioned, says Manipulate it until it fits your sciences. If too honest to handle the word of Goo efaftily, the young man gives up the Bi-ble. He refuses to stultify his reason, "The Bible needs no defense; all it needs is a square deal. There are those

hose who accept the entire book as th

were to love your enemies.
"We must learn from the Scriptures itself how to read the new Scriptures Some of us use it as a heathen does his fetish or amulet-a wicked use of the

Lisbon Denies Loot of Bank.

LISBON. Sept. 30.—The report published in the United States that a raid on the vaults of the Bank of Portugal was made. Friday night by robbers who carried off \$1000, and that the robbers were pre-vented from making a larger haul only by

LAND FOR THE PEASANTS

EASY PAYMENTS. Final Plans Are Being Completed by the Russian Government for

the Distribution.

ACREAGE AT LOW PRICE ON

ST. PETERSBURG. Sept. 20.—The final step to set in action the machinery of the Government's plan for the distribution of land to the peasantry was ta-ken today by the publication of volumi-nous regulations to the local agrarian commissions, under which the sale of 11,000,000 dessiatines of land in European Russia will begin immediately. These commissions, which are composed of dele gations elected by the peasants, land-owners and the Zemstvos and of representatives of the Government, act as in-termediaries in the valuation of land and the fixing of conditions of sale. They

are charged with arrangements for emi-The acreage in Eastern Russia and on the Siberian steppes surrendered by the Emperor will be sold on easy terms. The price is less than \$2 an acre, and pay-

ments are spread over 59 years. With the constitutional Democ Congress only one week away and formation of a formidable new party on Count Heyden's platform, peaceful regeneration seems fully assured. The political campaign is becoming animated. The ban upon the meetings of the Con-stitutional Democrats in St. Petersburg and Moscow has been raised, and these assemblies have been sanctioned o the restrictions of Ex-Premier Witte's

emporary law. Encouraged by this concession, the Con-stitutional Democrats contemplate trans-ferring their congress of October 6 from Helsingfors to St. Petersburg, but they ference, as they are in wholesome fear of the regulations of "reinforced security." It is expected that about 400 delegates

will attend the congress.

The appeal for mitigation of the death sentence passed upon the assassin of General Kozlov, who was killed in Peter-General Kozlov, who was the hof Park last July, has been joined by the General's widow. After fruitless intercession with the commander of the St. Petersburg garrison, Mme. Kozlov St. Petersburg garrison, Mine. Kozlov has telegraphed the Empress, asking that no further blood be shed upon the tomb

of her husband. Poles Escaping From Lemberg. WARSAW Oct. 1.-Hundreds of Poles

are fleeing from Lemberg. Owing to the devastation of estates in that vicinity the refugees are in most destitute con-Conditions in Warsaw show no signs of improvement. Attacks upon the police continue with unabated zeal on the part

of the terrorists. Trains are held up daily and mail cars rifled.

A rightly Jeweled crown, which cost £20,-009, has disappeared from the church at Ment. St. Michael, Rouen. One version is that it has been stolen, another that it has been hidden by the priests to save it from confiscation by the government.